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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicants have provided herewith a copy of U.S. Patent 6,432,963 B1, issued August 13, 2002. This patent corresponds to the document WO 99/31073 which was identified in the IDS filed on December 10, 2001, but which is in a foreign language. Accordingly, the submission of this corresponding U.S. patent constitutes a concise statement of relevance for the foreign language document.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding European Search Report, which cites three published PCT applications. However,

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two of those three documents were submitted in the December 10, 2001 IDS, and therefore only

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three

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document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

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